

How to get an “Excepted Charity” certificate

Most churches are “Excepted Charities” and are therefore not registered with the Charity Commission.

You can download a PDF that includes your church name, address and church code. This PDF, which is an extract from the Church of England’s database of churches, can serve as a certificate for churches requiring proof of their charity status when registering for online and card-based giving.

How to get your certificate

- Go to your A Church Near You page.
- Select tab on left ‘More Information’.
- Scroll to bottom of page to Download Certificate.
- Click on the download button and fill in the short form.
- You will then be emailed the certificate as a PDF

What do if your church doesn’t have a postcode

Some companies such as BT will not accept an order without a postcode. You can check for a full postal address on the official FindMyAddress service

<https://www.findmyaddress.co.uk/search>. Parish Buying has lots of useful information [here](#) and you can email Lynn McGowan at BT for help on enhancedorders10@bt.com or Tel: 08000324660.